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PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Harris et al.  
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For: DEGRADABLE HETEROBIFUNCTIONAL  
POLY(ETHYLENE GLYCOL) ACRYLATES AND  
GELS AND CONJUGATES DERIVED THEREFROM

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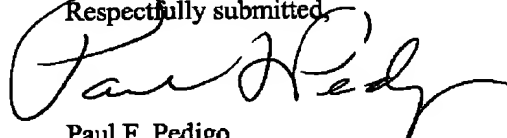
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Applicant in the above-identified patent application hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated November 13, 2002, rejecting the following Claims 2, 4, 5 and 7. The fee for this Notice of Appeal under 37 CFR § 1.17(b) is enclosed.

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity Status.
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- ☒ A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

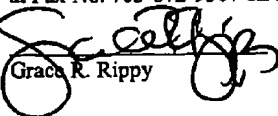


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